



## Scripture Nugget – God’s Promise to be with Us Always

*Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15).*

**God promises to be with us always.** Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave very clear instructions to His disciples. There are three important points. *Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20).* The last point here is the assurance that He will always be with us no matter what happens. Even if a mother forgets her little child, God says He will not forget us (cf. Isaiah 49:15). We can trust God’s promises because all power belongs to Him and there is nothing that can stop Him from keeping His promises. Thus, unlike man, God is perfectly trustworthy.

**Are we in any way less privileged than the Apostles who enjoyed the physical presence of Christ?** We benefit in many ways from the simple questioning of the apostles to our Lord when He was in their midst. *Judas, not the Iscariot, said to Him, “Master, [then] what happened that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves Me will keep My Word, and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him (John 14:22-23).* Jesus makes it clear that those of us who do not live in the era of the Apostles who enjoyed the physical presence of Christ are not less privileged. It is much better to have the spiritual presence of Jesus and that of the Heavenly Father in our souls. In other words, it is better to be living tabernacles of Christ and of the Heavenly Father than having them as guests in our homes. We come very close to God if we make our hearts the living tabernacles of God. With God within us and not merely around us, we can confidently declare with the psalmist: *Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging (Psalm 43:3-4).* It is steadfast faith in God’s mighty love and unsurpassed power, and in His constant, abiding presence within us that will give us peace of mind and heart, and security that the world cannot give.

**Conversation with Jesus:** Precious Lord, You are all around me and Your presence permeates the whole universe. More importantly, You are within me. Even if a mother can forget her little infant, You promise You would not forget me. You have carved me in the palm of Your Hand (cf. Isaiah 49:16). Wherever I go, You are there before me. Make of my poor heart a living tabernacle of consolation for Your Soul anguished by the unprecedented level of evil and sin in the world today. Impart to my heart Your profound peace and security that the world cannot give. Keep my soul in the state of sanctifying grace by giving me the grace of the attitude of perfection contrition in every present moment, forgiving everyone who hurt me, repenting all my sins and renouncing all my attachments to sin and bad habits leading to sin. Help me recognize Your holy presence in others around me. With You enthroned in my heart, help me bring Your peace and love to others around me in this restless world so much in need of Your saving truth and peace. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.